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THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" After the assent of the President of India to the Malabar Tenancy (Amendment) Act is received, I think the position will be made easy and the Harijans can be placed in a very advantageous position."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister has not answered my question, whether any single application has been finally disposed of in the last three years, other than by way of rejection?" 10-40 a.m.

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" Sir, according to the information available to the Government, acquisition proceedings have been instituted in three cases and the remaining eight cases are under enquiry. That means in these cases, the matter has not been finally disposed of."

SRI A. APPU :—" May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that a few lakhs of rupees were allotted to Malabar district for acquisition of house-sites for Harijans and that that amount was surrendered by the Collector? If so, why?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" A separate question may kindly be put, Sir."

Suicide in the Sub-jail, Vriddhachalam.

* 32 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state with reference to the answer to unstarred question No. 1, dated 14th December 1953, the name and age of the person who committed suicide in the Sub-Jail, Vriddhachalam, and under what circumstances it happened?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" The remand prisoner who committed suicide by hanging in the Sub-Jail, Vriddhachalam, on the early morning of 10th October 1952 was one Kidayan *alias* Chinnathambi of Melakuppam village. He was aged 35 when he died. He had been remanded to custody for 15 days from 27th September 1952 by the Sub-Magistrate, Vriddhachalam. As the remand prisoner was a leper, he was not allowed to mingle with the other inmates of the Sub-jail and was, therefore, kept in a separate cell. During the early hours of the 10th October 1952, it was found that the remand prisoner had committed suicide by tying one end of his dhothi round his neck and the other end tied round the iron door frame and gate of the cell. According to the medical report the death was due to asphyxia by hanging. An enquiry conducted by the ex-officio First-class Magistrate, Tirukkoyilur, showed that since his remand in Sub-jail the deceased was moody, dejected and brooding, that he took advantage of the fact that he was alone in the cell and committed suicide by hanging. According to the medical evidence, the deceased committed suicide at about 2-30 a.m. that night. The finding of the ex-officio First-class Magistrate was that the deceased committed suicide by hanging himself and that there was nothing to suspect any foul play."

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SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Why was he remanded, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Because he had committed some offence, Sir."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister for Law described certain propensities that led the prisoner to commit suicide. Were those propensities acquired by him before he entered the jail or subsequent to his entry to the jail? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" I had only enumerated the circumstances under which the suicide took place."

Community Projects Centre, Palghat.

* 33 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that out of the funds set apart for Community Projects Centre, Palghat, a sum of Rs. 15 lakhs under electricity and another sum of Rs. $5\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs under irrigation have been withdrawn and if so, why; and

(*b*) what was the original budget estimate for 1952–53 for the centre and how much of it was actually spent in that year?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) The budget estimate for 1952–53 for Malampuzha Project area was Rs. 82,192. The actual expenditure was Rs. 49,309."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know why the Budget amount could not be spent in that year, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, the project was inaugurated only in October 1952 and a lot of preliminary survey had to be made and the peoples' co-operation had to be mobilized. All that took some time."

Adult education centres in South Arcot district.

* 34 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of public money spent on adult education in South Arcot district during 1952–53; and

(*b*) the number of adult education centres maintained or subsidized by the Government in that district?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Rs. 25,284.

" (*b*) 193 centres."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know the steps taken by the Government to accelerate Adult Education throughout the State? "